

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

After the title and before the first paragraph please insert the following new paragraph:

This application is a National Stage application under §371 of PCT/EP03/09354 , filed August 22, 2003 and claims priority to European application No. EP 02090300.1, filed August 23, 2002.

On page 19, the full paragraph after “Example 3” has been amended as follows:

The isolation of living tetanus toxoid(TT)-specific Th cells, based on reactive CD154 expression, from human peripheral mononuclear cells after in vitro stimulation with TT is illustrated in FIG. 3. The peripheral mononuclear cells were obtained from about 20 ml of whole blood and cultured for 6 hours with 10 µg/ml TT in the presence of a monoclonal anti-CD40 antibody at 37°C. All samples were labelled with antibodies against CD4-FITC, CD69-APC and CD154-PE. Propidium iodide was used to exclude dead cells. ~~FIG. 3A~~ shows analyses of the CD154 expression in relationship to the expression of CD69 activation marker prior to isolation. Following magnetic accumulation with PE-specific ~~MicroBeads~~ MICROBEADS (3B), living CD4⁺, CD154⁺ Th cells were further purified using FACS (FIG. 3C). In FIGS. 3A and 3B, the analyses are limited to CD4⁺ Th cells.